

## CLAIMS

**I claim:**

- 1. A combination beverage pot and warming surface having a beverage pot suitable for retaining a liquid beverage therein and a base, and a warming surface providing a source of heat which couples with said beverage pot base for maintaining said liquid beverage at a temperature elevated with respect to a surrounding ambient temperature, wherein the improvement comprises a spacer between one portion of said beverage pot base and said warming surface to elevate a majority of said beverage pot base above and separate from said warming base while tilting said beverage pot base relative to said warming surface.**
- 2. The combination beverage pot and warming surface of claim 1 wherein said spacer further comprises a wedge defined by a thickness generally decreasing with decreasing distance from a center of said beverage pot base.**
- 3. The combination beverage pot and warming surface of claim 2 wherein said wedge further comprises a rectangular outline from top plan view.**
- 4. The combination beverage pot and warming surface of claim 2 wherein said wedge further comprises insignia upon a surface.**
- 5. The combination beverage pot and warming surface of claim 2 wherein said wedge thickness is less than an elevation of a pot retaining feature in said warming surface.**

6. The combination beverage pot and warming surface of claim 1 wherein said spacer further comprises stamped metal.
7. A coffee serving apparatus comprising:
  - a liquid retaining pot having a base and side walls and retaining a liquid therein;
  - a heating base providing thermal energy adequate to elevate said liquid retaining pot and any liquid retained therein at a temperature elevated with respect to ambient; and
  - a means to tilt said liquid retaining pot with respect to said heating base while maintaining said liquid retaining pot base in point contact with said heating base, said retained liquid pooled to a maximum depth adjacent said point contact.
8. The coffee serving apparatus of claim 7 wherein said tilting means further comprises a wedge defined by a thickness generally decreasing with decreasing distance from a center of said liquid retaining pot base.
9. The coffee serving apparatus of claim 7 wherein said tilting means further comprises visible insignia.
10. The coffee serving apparatus of claim 8 wherein said heating base further comprises a means for retaining a pot therein, said wedge thickness less than an elevation of said pot retaining feature.
11. The coffee serving apparatus of claim 7 wherein tilting means supports a

**minority portion of said liquid retaining pot.**

12. **A method for extending the serving life of a warm beverage held within a pot having a generally planar bottom parallel, adjacent with and warmed upon a generally planar surface, comprising the steps of:**

**placing a spacer upon said warming surface in a location offset from center with respect thereto;**

**supporting a minority portion of said pot bottom upon said spacer and a second minority portion of said pot bottom upon said surface, a majority portion of said pot bottom spaced from but adjacent and elevated with respect to said warming surface; and**

**heating said warming surface above ambient to form an air blanket about said pot through thermally induced air convection currents.**

13. **The method for extending the serving life of a warm beverage of claim 12, further comprising the step of selectively removing and cleaning said spacer.**

14. **The method for extending the serving life of a warm beverage of claim 12, further comprising the steps of:**

**selectively removing said pot from said warming surface and said spacer;**

**and**

**dispensing said warm beverage.**